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SUBJECT: PRESS SPOTLIGHTS MUBARAK CHINESE VISIT

1. CAIRO DAILIES APRIL 19 DEVOTED EXCEPTIONAL
COVERAGE TO MUBARAK VISIT TO PEKING AND HIS WARM
WELCOME ON ARRIVAL. REPORTS SAY PREMIER HUA,
HIGH OFFICIALS AND TEN THOUSAND YOUTHS TURNED OUT TO
GREET MUBARAK, PLACARDS WERE IN EVIDENCE SUPPORTING EGYPTIANS
AND ARABS AGAINST ZIONISM AND IMPERIALISM (I.E.
SOVIETS). SAME THEME REPORTEDLY PLAYED UP IN CHINESE
PRESS, WHICH PRAISED ABROGATION OF SOVIET-EGYPTIAN
FRIENDSHIP TREATY AS HEAVY BLOW TO /SOVIET REVISIONIST
HEGEMONISM."

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS, APPOINTMENT WITH CHAIRMAN MAO
WILL BE SET UP QUICKLY AND FOLLOWED BY TALKS WITH PREMIR
HUA.
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3. VISIT ALREADY BEING TREATED AS CERTAIN SUCCESS.
FONMIN FAHMY TOLD PRESS THAT VISIT WILL BE "FRUITFUL
IN VARIOUS FIELDS." HE COMMENTED THAT VISIT, WHICH
STEMS FROM SADAT-MAO EXCHANGES, IS NEW DEPARTURE IN

SINO-ARAB RELATIONS. OTHER "EGYPTIAN SOURCES"
CITED AS SAYING TALKS WILL FOCUS NOTABLY ON MILITARY
SUPPLY RELATIONSHIP, NOTING RECENT CHINESE RESPONSIVENESS
ON MIG ENGINES AND SPARE PARTS. SAME SOURCES SAID
TO EXPECT SPECIFIC AGREEMENTS WILL BE CONCLUDED.

4. PRESS CLAIMS TO HAVE LEARNED THAT EGYPTIAN
DEL WILL INSPECT CHINESE NUCLEAR REACTORS AND SEEK
MAJOR DELIVERIES OF COAL.

5. ALSO ON ECONOMIC SIDE, 1964 LOAN OF 345 MILLION
SWISS FRANCS TO BE REVIVED. EGYPT HAS THUS FAR REPORTEDLY
USED 97.4 MILLION FRANCS IN FOLLOWING WAYS:

--65.3 FOR RAW MATERIALS AND OTHER COMMODITIES
FOR MILITARY PRODUCTION;

--10.1 FOR NEWSPRINT, CHEMICALS AND METALS;

--16.5 FOR CONSUMER GOODS;

--5.5 FOR SAND BRICK FACTORY.

REMAINING 247.6 MILLION TO FINANCE MEDICINE PRODUCTION
AND IMPORTS, FACTORIES (INCLUDING CLOTHING AND BLANKET PLANTS),
RAW MATERIALS, SPARE PARTS AND TOBACCO. LOAN,
WHICH INTEREST FREE, TO BE REAPID BEGINNING 1981.

6. OTHER ECONOMIC SUBJECTS REPORTEDLY ON AGENDA INCLUDE CHINESE
PARTICIPATION IN DEVELOPMENT, URGENT FINANCIAL AID
TO INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL SECTORS, CONSUMER
COMMODITY IMPORTS FROM PRC, INCREASE OF PRC
IMPORTS, PROMOTION OF TRADE EXCHANGES AND DRAFTING
OF NEW TRADE PROTOCOL. PROTOCOL TO BE SIGNED
IN CAIRO BY CHINESE DEL HEADED BY TRADE MINISTER IN
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7. COMMENT: EGYPTIANS OBVIOUSLY DESIRE PRESENT PRC
AS EFFECTIVE SOURCE OF MAJOR MILITARY AND ECONOMIC
ASSISTANCE AND AS VIABLE SUBSTITUTE FOR SOVIETS IN SOME
CRUCIAL AID FIELDS.

8. MENTION OF CHINESE COAL SHOULD ALSO BE
SEEN IN THIS LIGHT, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF THE PRIVATE
CONCERN THAT POLISH COKING COAL DELIVERIES, VITAL TO
MAJOR STEEL PROJECT AT HELWAN, MIGHT BE CUT OFF IN
AFTERMATH OF SOVIET TREATY ABROGATION. SAME GOES FOR
"POSSIBLE" ACQUISITION OF NUCLEAR REACTORS. GOE HAS FOR
MONTHS MADE PUBLIC BALLYHOO ABOUT IMPORTANCE OF BUILDING
NUCLEAR ENERGY CAPACITY.

9. SADAT RECENTLY REMAKRED PRIVATELY HE HAD BEEN
STUNNED BY "TREMENDOUS" CHINESE REACTION TO HIS ABROGATION
OF SOVIET TREATY. PRESS TREATMENT MUBARAK TRIP INDICATES THAT
FOR THEIR OWN PURPOSES, EGYPTIANS CLEARLY NOT ADVERSE
TO ALLOWING THEMSELVES BE DRAWN BY CHINESE INTO SINO-SOVIET
DISPUTE. THIS GAME BEARS OBVIOUS AND CONSIDERABLE RISKS FOR CAIRO,
ESPECIALLY IN VIEW LIMITED PRC ABILITY HELP SUBSTANTIALLY IN SUCH
AREAS OF REAL OR PERCEIVED NEED AS PROVISION OF
SOPHISTICATED WEAPONRY IN LARGE QUANTITY.
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